

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As the Port of Kennewick celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we are looking to concentrate our efforts on future infrastructure and economic development. Our goal is to recruit entrepreneurial and diversified manufacturing operations and encourage sustainable business and commercial development in our region. We support the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks because the companies have committed to investing in infrastructure for the benefit of consumers.

The merger would create New Charter, a company dedicated to enhancing the customer experience through valued product improvements. Despite our nation's growing reliance on technology, the infrastructure that carries innovation to our finger-tips is increasingly out of date. Our nation's broadband infrastructure needs improvements, and it is important that our government encourages companies that are willing to invest.

New Charter would improve broadband infrastructure through financial and construction commitments. These include \$2.5 billion for commercial networks and the goal to build out one million residential line extensions. This work would bring the latest fiber-optic technology to businesses and residents across the country. New Charter would also commit to deploying 300,000 out-of-home WiFi hotspots, which would improve mobile connections.

Each of New Charter's investments stand to make major contributions to infrastructure improvements. We support the merger and we ask that you do too.

Sincerely,

Skip Novakovich Vice President, Port of Kennewick